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RAW MATERIAL

: 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMPOSITION FOR SODA-

LIME GLASS

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

GROUP 1700 Responsive to the Official Action dated May 20, 2002 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.116, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

## CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 with the following amended

claims:

- (Twice Amended) A raw material composition for soda-
- lime glass, comprising a mirabilite (Na2SO4)-containing glass raw material
- having the incorporation of an additive selected from the group consisting of an
- oxide of lead (Pb), or lithium (Li), a chloride of iron (Fe), Pb, or Li, a sulfate of
- Fe, Pb, or Li, and a nitrate of Fe, Pb, or Li, wherein the additive suppresses 5
- formation of nickel sulfide in a resulting soda-lime glass.

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